

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND ALIAN T MIDWEST, INC., d/b/a ALLTEL	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-19
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued August 16, 2000)

On August 9, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL, filed a sixth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement, adding terms, conditions, and rates for DS-3 Capable Loops and unbundled dark fiber. The proceeding to review the amendment is identified as Docket No. NIA-97-19. The Utilities Board (Board) on December 12, 1997, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments filed on or before September 8, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or

reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission, or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review Amendment No. 6 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on August 9, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL, shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-19.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before September 8, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16th day of August, 2000.